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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [x] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. []
- No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	12	20	0	x 25 =	\$0	x 50 =	\$0
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 12, 2005 by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment:

The amendment to the claims begins on page 2; and

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